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29 Oct '51

The Honorable William A. Barrett
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Thank you for your letter of 15 October 1951, enclosing a plan, prepared by [redacted] for the organizing of anti-sabotage through the use of trade union volunteers.

An examination of [redacted] proposal indicates that it is for the development of anti-sabotage units for the protection of American industrial installations. As such, it is concerned with an important internal security problem of the United States.

The primary function of the Central Intelligence Agency is the coordination of the foreign intelligence activities of the United States. In fact, the National Security Act of 1947 which established the Central Intelligence Agency specifically states that "the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions". (Section 102(d)(3), Public Law 253, 80th Congress). The internal security functions of the Government are the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In view of the fact that [redacted] program falls into the internal security classification, I would suggest that you bring it to the attention of the FBI, and I am returning the file to you, as you may desire to forward it to them personally.

I appreciate your calling this material to my attention and your interest in the Agency.

Sincerely,

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